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# Election day coming

Election day to choose four internal Board of Governor members is Wednesday. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Advance polls were held last Thursday.

Elected internal board members — who will represent students, faculty, administrative and support staff — will be allowed to vote at board committee meetings, but not at regular board meetings for two years, at which time the ministry will re-evaluate their voting status.

Only persons whose names appear on the voters' lists, available at all college learning resource centres, satellite offices, and the president's office, will be eligible to vote in the Jan. 20 election.

The candidates are:

FACULTY

David Abraham, School of Business, Welland Campus
Isabelle Seburn, School of Applied Arts and Health Sciences, Mack Nursing Education Centre

ADMINISTRATION

Richard McLagan, Community Youth Employment Services, Welland
Ivar Noren, School of Business, Welland Campus

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Chris Naughton, Computer/Electrical/Electronics Technology Program, Year I, School of Applied Science and Technology, Welland Campus
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Dr. Charles Pascal, new chairman of the Board of Regents, is seen here with Darryl Nadeau, Student Administrative Council president, before a luncheon meeting Jan. 7. Dr. Pascal also spoke with the President's Executive Council, Board of Governors and faculty during the day. Photo by Julie DeBruin

## Charles Pascal visits

# Quality should be a goal

By HELEN DOAN
and TORY EDWARDS
Staff Writers

Ontario's 22 community colleges will have "to do fewer things better" instead of trying to be "everything to everybody," Dr. Charles Pascal, new chairman of the Council of Regents, told about 35 Niagara College faculty members last week.

Colleges must model themselves to meet employer demands, provide specifics to back up demands for increased funding, and share their ideas with the Council of Regents, Dr. Pascal said.

During his day-long visit Jan. 7 which he described as "outstanding," Dr. Pascal met with the President's Executive Council, the Board of Governors, the Student Administrative Council and staff. It is the first time a chairman from the Council of Regents has come to the college specifically to meet with its representatives.

Interested in establishing a "new relationship" between the Council of Regents and community colleges, Dr. Pascal had been spending a day at each college since being made chairman last September. The Council of Regents is a 17-member board, representing the full fabric of Canadian society and is responsible to the ministry, he told the issues sessions here. Provincially appointed, its mandate comes from legislation.

### REGAIN ZEAL

Wtih enthusiasm, Dr. Pascal discussed with Niagara's faculty the future of community colleges, mentioning a need to regain the "missionary zeal" present at the onset. Using the phrases "new beginning" and "working collaboratively," he talked about colleges and the coucil sharing the planning for the next decade and resolving differences that exist throughout the college system.

Because money is "very, very tight" at every college, Dr. Pascal sees the need for colleges to concentrate on program quality rather than quantity.

Colleges can no longer afford to do all things better, Dr. Pascal said. "We can't be everything to everybody," he said. "People want quality. We should concentrate on doing fewer things better."

With so few dollars to spend, the program duplication in colleges makes less sense than differentiation, Dr. Pascal said.

### 5 or 6 REGIONS

"I'd like to see the colleges have some things in common, but I'd like to see differentiation," he said. The colleges could be divided into five or six regions, with all programs available within each region.

He conceded that this could cause some loss of accessibility but suggested that the policy forbidding residences for southern Ontario colleges might be reconsidered.

Stressing the importance of human resource development, he said the Council of Regents is "very, very concerned that colleges try to model what we expect the private sector in Canada to do."

The college system needs renewal strategies, not diffferent people, he said.

He praised Niagara College for "having some of the more progressive" human resource development ideas; and for its Niagara Plan, which enables the college's teachers to update their knowledge by working in related jobs in the community.

What is needed is "an overall framework — system-wide and not just at one particular college."

When a teacher expressed concern that general education courses which teach social skills were losing out to computer courses, Dr. Pascal replied, "The problem in our institutions is we have hardening of the categories — never the brains shall meet...somewhere there must be a mixing of the two."

Speaking about the importance of innovation, another teacher said that money "gets frittered away on Mickey Mouse things."

### FOR EXCELLENCE

Dr. Pascal said if a college is do-

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# To examine funding

Niagara College, faced with a provincial funding increase of only .3 per cent this year, is in the process of setting up a new committee to "try to identify ways to accumulate funds to pay for professional development and new programs," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Also, a request for a meeting to discuss the funding formula has been sent to the ministry.

Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, will head the new committee, which will include Gary LaRose, executive director of administrative services.

The committee will review the present budget process and recommend a modified budgeting process for the 1988-89 budget preparation, Miss Robarts said. "The problem is it will take about three years to come up with a new budget base."

She said because the college receives less grant than it needs, it constantly has to cut back spending.

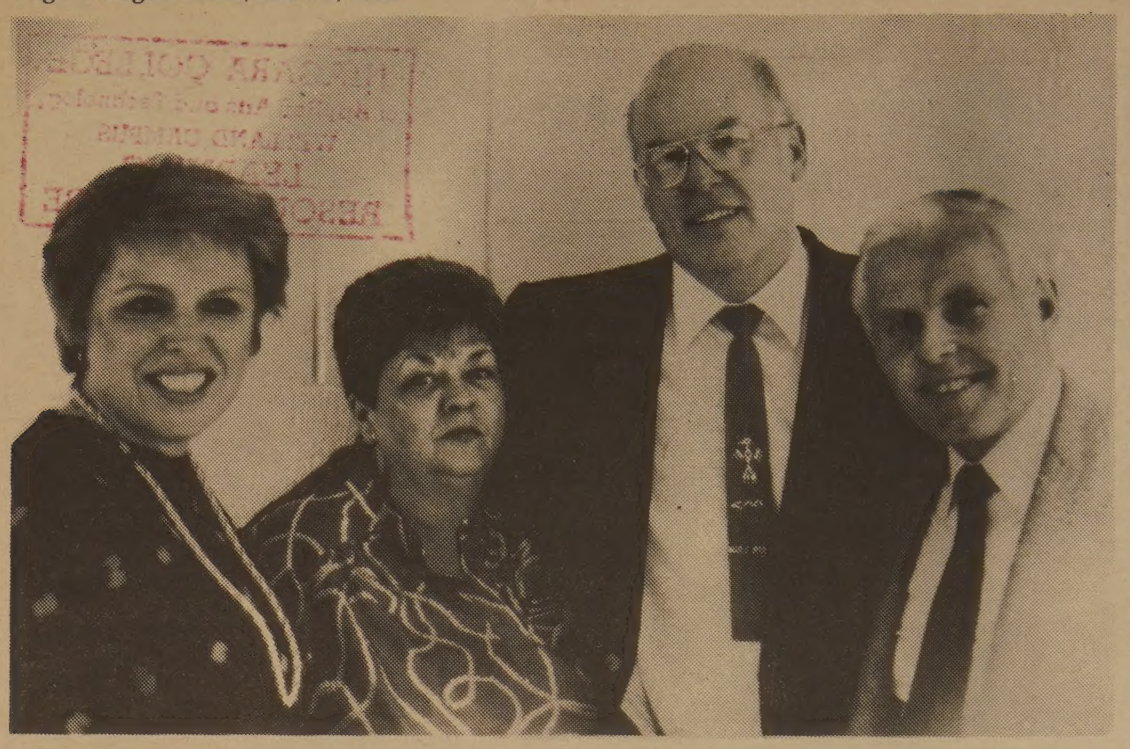
### FALL ANNOUNCEMENT

A funding increase of 6.7 per cent for universities and six per cent, or $37.3 million, for community colleges was announced in November. Niagara's increase will be only .3 per cent, based on the funding formula. Mr. LaRose has said that, according to "simulations" — meaning the figures are not yet definite — the college will receive about $57,102 more than last year's operating grant for funded student post-secondary enrolment of about $19 million. The total college budget projected for 1987-88 was $41,634,586.

A letter requesting a meeting to discuss how the funding formula affects Niagara College has been sent to the assistant deputy minister of colleges and universities, but no reply has yet been received, Miss Robarts said.

The formula is a distribution mechanism for allocating funds for all community colleges. It involves dividing the total available money by the total number of students (funding units). Geographical location, size and the specific courses offered by the college are factors which are used to determine the number of funding units at each college.

"During the last six years, because of the funding mechanism and the fact that Niagara College has not grown as quickly in the area of increased enrolment, our share of the pot is less than the average," Miss Robarts said. "This year it is at an all-time low of .3 per cent, with 4.5 per cent being the average." Earlier she said there has been no increase in the college's enrolment for the last two years.



The presidents of the three constituent groups, Joan Hastings, Meg Rose and Doug Campbell flank Walter Pitman (far right) following Mr. Pitman's address to the employees of Niagara College. Mr. Pitman spoke on the future of the college system in Ontario, with emphasis on the importance of College Councils and wider representation on the Board of Governors. Photo by Elizabeth Finley

# 'Colleges require change,' Pitman

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

The Ontario College system is going to have to change and take a new direction, especially in the area of technology, if it is to symbolize what education and learning is all about, Walter Pitman told employees of Niagara College and the Board of Governors.

Mr. Pitman, director of the Ontario Institute for Studies In Education and author of the Pitman Report, spoke at the college Dec. 17 after being invited by faculty union president Joan Hastings; support staff union president Meg Rose; and Doug Campbell, president of the administrative staff association.

It was the first time the three unions have worked together for such an event, and included college employees from each group.

"This mix of people is a testament to what Mr. Pitman's report is all about," Mrs. Hastings said Mr. Pitman's report examined the college system after the strike in 1984.

ADMINISTER HUMANELY

"Anyone who believes you can leave part of a college system behind is wrong," Mr. Pitman said. For suitable training to be obtainable at the college level, "we need the best minds and spirits to administer in a humane way and in a way that the community needs."

Mr. Pitman told the crowded cafeteria that although the Canadian mind places more of an emphasis on university education in 1987, the technological education available from community colleges must not be undercut.

"This country stands on the edge of a very different future," Mr. Pitman said. If free trade goes through the colleges will have to adjust and may find themselves in competition with the whole world.

For Canadians to be competitive in the international market, Ontario colleges will have to update technology programs.

Canada is the exception amongst other countries where technological advancement has been taking place.

"Every other country has a system where students can rise to a level of excellence, except in Canada," he said.

LACK OF SUPPORT

Mr. Pitman said that the sophistication of technology programs has been slow in coming and is "just one step" because of a lack of support from both the federal and provincial governments.

"The government must be the symbol of reality of what is happening in the college system in Ontario," Mr. Pitman said. "Education was once the bottom priority of the government in this country. Now it's number one."

The importance of the College Councils and wider representation on the Boards of Governors is to generate as many ideas into the college system as possible, Mr. Pitman said. After his report, the ministry announced the formation of college councils to advise the presidents and the addition to boards of representatives of students, faculty, support and administrative staffs.

"The colleges have to make better use of the minds and spirits of the people who are their members," he said.

Mr. Campbell, who presented Mr. Pitman with a gift on behalf of the three groups, said the highest tribute payable to Mr. Pitman would be support of the College Councils.

"To make sure Niagara College is one of the best — following the example and idealism set by Mr. Pitman," he said.

# Library conference sets guidelines, benefits students

By BRIAN MCLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

"Free and equal" was the slogan of the 85th annual meeting of the Ontario Library Association held in Toronto and, keeping with tradition, some college library technician students were there.

Bob Bowman, program coordinator, said seven volunteers from the program attended this 85th annual conference. The OLA requested volunteers to help by working at the registration desk, setting up audiovisual equipment, collecting evaluation forms, coordinating messages, and working at exhibits.

Fay Hayward and Sharon Billy found the experience extremely interesting.

Fay, a second-year student who works in a library in Bermuda, said it was not what she expected at first. "They really put me to work...which made it interesting." She wanted to concentrate on meeting publishers, and people who provide materials to the libraries.

WELL RESPECTED

She is in the program to learn "on-line researching." "We don't have the technological training at home...I wanted to have expert teachers." The Canadian standard of education is well thought of in Bermuda, she said.

Sharon, a first-year student, attended a "guidelines" seminar on research methods, from setting up an initial question to finding material.

Another seminar involved the controversial Bill C-54 on pornography. Under the proposed bill such classics as Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet would no longer be of open and free access to the general public, she said. Rather they would have to be listed as containing pronographic elements, and be placed within a special adult-rated section. The bill would also restrict some medical materials that it felt lacked artistic value. "Who decides if it has artistic value?" she asked.

The experience was useful because it allowed her to make contacts, and use some of the things she is learning at the college. It also allowed her to see speakers she would not normally get to see, such as federal cabinet minister Flora MacDonald. "People like that, I would never get to see her normally!"

"I had fun...I worked hard, and I really feel it was worthwhile. I actually got to tell people where to go," she laughed.

# Who will be queen?

**The 27th annual Welland Rose Festival is looking for contestants who would be queen.**

**The contest for the Rose Queen Coronation is open to women who are Welland residents and 18 to 22 years of age. Entry deadline is Jan. 30.**

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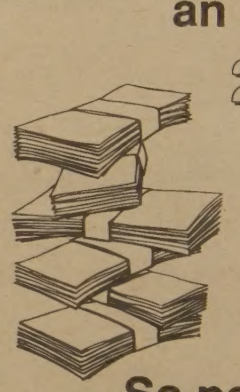

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## Torch relay like clockwork; real high for college chairman

By CINDY LOGAN
Staff Writer

It was as much a relay of smiles as it was a relay of the Olympic Torch, Ivar Noren said of his Dec. 27 run.

"You got swept up in the whole thing. People were waving," Mr. Noren, chairman of mathematics office administration and part-time studies, said. "Everybody was happy and smiling."

Mr. Noren ran in the afternoon on a beautiful sunny day. He said things went like clockwork. "It was one of the greatest organizational feats I have ever seen."

He was surprised by the number of people who were along Highway 20. "My recollection is a lot of people particularily at the start and finish of my run." He ran one kilometre from Cataract Road to Hurricane Road. Mr. Noren appreciated that people came from the college.

**Jackie Robarts cheering Ivar Noren on in his Dec. 27 Olympic Torch run along Highway 20. Mr. Noren is escorted by a Petro Canada representative.**

### REAL HIGH

"You were on a real high (carrying the torch). You were so impressed with the whole thing." It took him a couple of days to come down from the high.

The next day he got into his car and drove along the route, just to see it. "When I was running, the places around me didn't matter — it was the people."

The run started with an orientation session at the Casa del Toro. Three Petro Canada employees were there to instruct the runners on what to do. There were 10 paticipants in Mr. Noren's group. One get-acquainted activity was to tell how many applications each had sent in.

Two people in Mr. Noren's group had sent in 750 entries, and three had sent between 300 and 500 entries. "I sent in 30 entries." Definitely the least in my group."

### TORCH HEAVY

Mr. Noren had trained for his run by carrying a three-pound mallet on his two-kilometre runs every second night. He said it gave him a feel for what it was like. The actual torch was as heavy as expected but longer. "I just carried it up anyway," he said, gesturing with his arm above his head. "The only sore spots I had after the run were in my shoulder from holding the torch."

### TEAM TAURUS

"We had to select a team name and we called ourselves Team Taurus because we started at the Casa del Toro and toro means bull." A shuttle van took the runners a little way down the route and they waited for the motorhome that dropped the runners off at their respective starting points.

"While we were sitting inside listening to all the radio communications between the various units, it was very exciting," Mr. Noren said. "You almost felt like you were going to the moon or somewhere else.

Everytime somebody went out to run, the rest of the team gave a "rousing" cheer to build up a little spirit. The torch was passed with a handshake and hug between runners.

### WAVED FLAGS

On the question of the Canadian identity, Mr. Noren felt he ran "as much for Canada as I did myself." People were standing along the route waving little Canadian flags which had been handed out. "It was a very nationalistic acitvity."

## Job placement better but not 100 per cent

By WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writer

Eighty-nine per cent of Niagara College's 1987 graduates who were looking for jobs have found program-related employment. The 1987 Placement Statistics Report released last week shows placement figures "better than last year's" and nine programs have attained 100 per cent placement.

"There is no cut and dried reason for any program having the placement it does," Ken Anderson, placement officer, said. "There has to be a demand for an employee and a high quality graduate to fill the position."

Programs with 100 per cent placement and the number of graduates from these programs are: education des petits, two; educational resources and special needs, 20; advanced theatre arts, seven; mechanical engineering technician-design, seven; survey technician, six; chemical engineering technology, two; electrical engineering technology, two; electronic engineering technology, seven; and business administation-human resources co-op management, 11.

### 740 HAVE JOBS

Of 941 graduates last spring, only 825 were available for work. Of these, 740 found full or part-time program-related jobs. In the School of Applied Arts and Health Sciences, 88 per cent or 370 of the 416 graduates available for work found program-related employment; in the School of Applied Science and Technology, 138 or 94 per cent of 147 graduates; in the School of Business, 232 of 262 graduates — or 88 per cent — are employed.

There are also a number of students who get jobs which are not program-related. Forty-nine found unrelated jobs while 66 are still seeking related employment. Students may appear in both of these categories to show that they are still searching but have taken another job while waiting. Sixty of the students decided to attend university or college and 56 other graduates had other plans which usually include marriage or travel.

The report is sent to the Ministry of Education and includes such information as to how many graduates there were, how many were available for work, how many were placed in jobs both related and unrelated and related part-time, the number of graduates furthering their education, how many had other plans, and how many are still job hunting.

### NOT POSSIBLE

"The ideal — the utopia — would be to have 100 per cent placement in all programs but that's impossible," Mr. Anderson said. Placement relies on the demand for employees, a willingness on the part of the student to relocate and the number of graduates from any given program.

This is the reason some programs have low placement. There may be too many to fill available jobs and sometimes students do not wish to leave home in search of work. In the Law and Security program, for example, students will often work in another job before entering the police force and when they do, it is too late for them to appear in the report as having found a program-related job.

The placement report is the basis for the Graduation Placement Report booklet which is sent to high schools. It should be completed by mid-February, before decisions on which college to attend must be made by students. The booklet not only gives program information contained in the placement report but also gives students an idea of where students found jobs.

"If 95 per cent of graduating students had to leave home, a student may not want to enter that program for many reasons," Mr. Anderson said. "Sometimes the nature of the program dictates where (a graduate) must go. For some programs, especially the ones dealing with larger industries or businesses, a student must often migrate to a larger city to find work."

### COMPARES WELL

Niagara's placement report usually compares well with other community colleges but may not necessarily do as well as the Toronto colleges because of the availability of jobs.

"We are here to help students in any way we can," Mr. Anderson said. He will send job notices to classrooms and graduates, help students with resumes and set up interviews at the request of employers. Mr. Anderson also provides students with a list of potential employers but will not recommend one student over another. He only helps the student in his job search.

"It is like being a marriage broker. I marry the graduate with the employer," Mr. Anderson said. He encourages students to make an appointment with him or to drop by anytime. His office is in the counselling area in the Tecumseh link-up.

## Students run memorable torch relay

The day before Christmas, Niagara College's 20-year-old Diane Wilson, a dental assistant student, was not "running" around doing last minute shopping for the holidays. Although she was dressed in red and white, her excursion involved the Olympic torch near Brantford.

Diane was one of the many Canadians to participate in the Olympic Torch Relay. The torch, whose relay began Nov. 17 in St. John's, Newfoundland — will cross Canada until it reaches the 1988 Winter Olympic Games in Calgary.

Despite the rain about 4:30 p.m., Diane's spirits were not dampened. "I did not know what to expect, but when the torch was in my hands I was fine and calm. I did not even realize it was raining!"

"There is a loud speaker which Olympic Torch Committee members talk and tell jokes through, helping you feel comfortable." She said the two Petro Canada runners who escorted her "were great," and helped her carry the torch when her arm began to ache from the weight. The media, supporters and family cheered her on.

The torch bearers were chosen randomly by computer from applicants who mailed in their names.

DIANE WILSON

A shake of hands and happy expressions were exchanged as the first runner of Diane's group handed her the Olympic Torch.

Diane smiled as she recalled the look on her mother's face as she lit her candle from the torch's flame, and the proud look her fiance gave her as she stopped to hug him.

Although Diane's seven-minute-run was over before she knew it, her memories will last a lifetime.

**Diane and Patti stories by BARBARA HORNING**

Carrying the Olympic torch in the Olympic Torch Relay would be an experience in itself, but for Niagara's Radio and Television student Patti Baran, it's an experience she will never forget!

Patti, 32, carried the torch Dec. 26 about 4:30 p.m. up Highway 55 past Niagara District High School, Virgil, onto Creek Road.

After her run, the five-foot-four brunette attired in a red and white track suit was surrounded by friends and family, many of whom were also dressed in red and white.

"Everyone swarmed me," she said.

"They warn you to stay where you are when your run is over." But she could not be seen from the shuttle van which was to pick her up because of the crowd and it left.

"I was just overpowered by them all. The Olympic Torch committee and police put out an All Points Bulletin."

### FATHER DROVE

Patti's father "drove like mad" along the shoulder of the road to catch up with the procession. "I jumped out of the car and into the van."

"They were just happy to see me," she said when asked if the Committee was angry with her.

PATTI BARAN

Despite the confusion after her one-kilometre, seven-minute run, escorted by Petro Canada runners and her best friend, Patti's run went well. She said her arm did begin to ache from the weight of the torch, but she passed it from one hand to the other because she did not want to let go.

"With all the admirerers and media, you feel like a star," she said. "And it was hard passing it on. It was hard to let go."

Patti has her keepsake, the waterproof Olympic tracksuit, but it will not last long as the memory of being left behind.

# Editorials

## Make an informed vote

In less than a week the college electorate will be called upon to make some wise choices when casting votes during the first elections ever for internal members of the Board of Governors. In voting Wednesday, members of each of four groups — students, administrative staff, faculty and support staff — will choose someone to represent them on the board.

Too often the electorate — whether for municipal, regional, provincial or federal elections — can find itself taking the freedom and privilege of expressing its preferences for granted.

Sometimes more personal matters such as occupational, academic, financial and social responsibilities, can divert an in-depth examination of the candidates.

In the days remaining, the college electorate must ask itself questions about which candidates will represent its interests responsibly and intelligently.

It is up to the electorate to assess every candidate with some depth. A vote must not be cast for the sake of familiarity — because of working or studying with someone.

Before any electorate can expect substance from an elected representative, it must attempt to obtain some substance about the body of candidates. Then, and only then, can it express its will in an informed vote — a wise choice.

**Brian McLaughlin**

## Canadian athletes kick butt

Living in that igloo above the United States, several Canadian athletes put our country on the map in 1987 for all those ignorant people who seem to think all we do up here is ice fish.

Both in the amateur and professional world of sports, Canada had its most successful year ever in international competition.

The highlight for the year had to be Ben Johnson shattering the previous world record of 9.93 in the 100-metre dash with a run of 9.83. He did it at the World Track and Field Championships in Rome on Aug. 30. Finishing more than a metre ahead of Carl Lewis of the U.S. added a nice touch to the record.

In March, Penetanguishene's Brian Orser took the gold at the World Figure Skating Championships in Cincinnati. In May the rink skipped by Ontario's Russ Howard who won the World Curling Championships at B.C. Place.

In the world of professional boxing Matthew Hilton and Donny Lalonde woke up the American public as each brought home a world title. Hilton, of Montreal, won the International Boxing Federation world junior middleweight championship in June after winning a unanimous 15-round decision over American Buster Drayton.

Winnipeg's Lalonde destroyed American Eddie Davis with a second round knockout to capture the World Boxing Council light heavyweight championship.

If you followed any international hockey at all, you couldn't be anything but proud to be a Canadian.

In four international hockey tournaments in '87, a Canadian hockey team took home the gold medal or first place honors at each. The most exciting of all had to be the Canada Cup in September.

Each game of the final best two out of three ended in the identical 6-5 score. Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux were the heroes in this tournament.

Both Canada's Olympic squad and junior team won gold medals in their respective tournaments, both ousting the Soviets.

And a group of unknown Canadian college players also ousted the Soviets to bring home the gold at the Spengler Cup tournament in December.

Yes, it's great to be a Canadian following the athletic feats of 1987.

So, come out of your igloo, put down your ice fishing rod and support your Canadian athletes as they attempt to top a spectacular '87 with an even better Olympic year in '88.

**Randy Conlon**

## Two good Samaritans

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the two young men from the business administration program who stopped to assist me on Cataract Road on Dec. 11 when I was experiencing car trouble. Unfortunately, I did not get their names so that I could express my appreciation personally.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness and the time you took to assist. Hopefully, we will meet again under better circumstances.

Bob Baddeley, chairman
Allied Health and Pre-School
Education Division

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If you see someone without a smile today, give him one of yours.

# Letters

## E.L. Crossley reunion

It was almost 25 years ago that the high school with the mural first opened its doors to students in the Pelham, Wainfleet and surrounding area. In preparation for its upcoming silver anniversary, E.L. Crossley Secondary School is hard at work planning for Reunion '88.

Past and present students and staff members, wherever they may be, are invited to participate in the three-day event that will be held May 20-22, 1988. An open house is scheduled for both the Friday and Saturday of the Reunion '88 weekend with a wine and cheese party, barbecue, dance and a host of various other activities also planned.

It is very simple for Crossley people to register for the event and enjoy a chance to relive fond memories while creating new ones. Simply call the school at (416) 892-2635, or write to the school and we will mail you a registration form and accompanying information. The address is: 350 Highway No. 20, Fonthill, Ontario, L0S 1E0.

See you at the reunion.

Richard Roik
Advertising Chairman
Crossley Reunion Committee

## Red Cross gives thanks

Dear Editor:

Thank you, Volunteers and Blood Donors.

Every two minutes, someone, somewhere in Canada needs blood. And for 40 years, The Canadian Red Cross Society's Blood Services have provided that blood, free of charge, to all those who need it. Since its inception in January 1947, the service has collected more than 25 million blood donations which have benefitted more than 10 million people.

Throughout 1987, this much valued and vital tradition of Canada's health care system was upheld with the provision of blood to more than 900 hospitals. None of this would have been possible if it were not for Volunteers.

To the media, sponsors, members of organizations, publicity, volunteers — The Welland Branch, Canadian Red Cross Society wishes to thank all those who have assisted us during the year. To someone, somewhere, your valuable help was there when it was needed.

On behalf of all those who have benefitted from your gift of life, the Welland Branch, Canadian Red Cross Society thanks you, and looks forward to seeing you again at blood clinics during 1988.

Marjorie Frith
Clinic Organizer

## American questions trade

Dear Editor:

I am an American College student writing to Canadian college students on the issue of free trade and how important it is but I would like to know:

Why are you so "quiet" on this issue and how do you feel about the deal. Do you support it or oppose it?

Do you think free trade will affect relations between our two countries and how do you feel about Americans in general? Why do you fear that we will take over your country or that you're selling Canada in free trade?

Please write to me or our school newspaper at Niagara County Community College with your answers to the questions I asked. Your answers will show how you feel and it will educate others on free trade.

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# Focus

## Niagara teaches high-tech microelectronics

By GORDON WILSON
Staff Writer

Computers are a step into the future. The key to computers is in microelectronics and graduates of microelectronics will be in constant demand as this industry continues to open up more doors.

The Niagara College School of Technology is a great place to learn microelectronics. Its new microelectronics lab in the Mackenzie Building makes Niagara the only college in Canada which is capable of producing high-tech semiconductor wafers or micro-chips.

Richard Furbacher is the principle instructor in the new lab and was instrumental in its creation and upgrading.

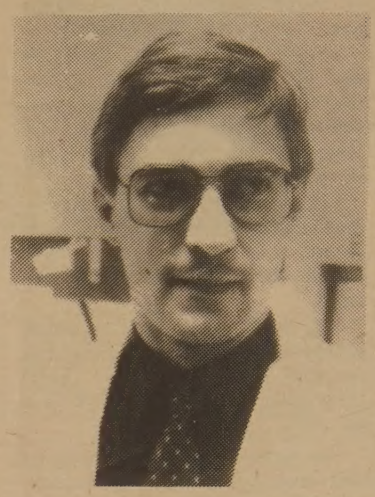
"This is the only college in Canada that actually gets close to the manufacturing process," Mr. Furbacher said. "Nothing like this lab exists at this point in any other community college in Canada."

"We're trying simulate here what the industry is doing," he said. Although this new lab is high-tech, it cannot produce the same results as in the industry. "We can't make our micro-chips as complicated as those made by industries because they have better equipment and cleaner working conditions. We can produce nothing better than five micron technology. Industry is producing their technology at one micron."

To achieve the best results, extensive clean conditions are essential. "We need clean air, water and chemicals all in high purity."

There are up to five million particles of matter per cubic foot in standard air. In the microelectronics lab, the air is constantly filtered to keep the number of particles at 10,000 per cubic foot. The air is filtered by a High Efficiency Particle Air Filter or HEPAF.

Under the vertical laminar flow benches is a class 100 enviroment. The best facilities in industry are working at a class 10 or class one,



RICHARD FURBACHER

Mr. Furbacher said. Those conditions are only achieved with robotics.

People are the greatest source of contamination. "You can't have a very clean enviroment until you get rid of the people."

The problem with the old laboratory was lack of consistency in the results. There was not adequate temperature and humidity control, Mr. Furbacher said. Equipment would rust away in the summer when the temperature would go above 30 Celsius and the humidity would go up to 80 or 90 per cent.

"We couldn't simulate what the industry was doing without a major investment."

The first investment was $10,000 from the provincial government in 1975. "It allowed us to buy our basic hybrid equipment," Mr. Furbacher said. The second investment in 1981 was $130,000. Mr. Furbacher went to Silicon Valley in California and bought some second-hand equipment from industries. He said there are many dealers in used equipment which is too small or too slow for industry but is sufficient for teaching. Mr. Furbacher said some of the equipment was at the college.

Clean room equipment was received this season. A clean room is a dust-free electronics manufacturing area. He said RCA Canada donated about $50,000 worth of equipment, the provincial government gave a $110,000 grant for an air conditioning system, and $500,000 was received in donations from Mitel Corporation, Bell Northern Research and Northern Telecom.

"We moved the equipment into this new location which was chosen for its position and because the room was available." Once the location was approved, the floor space was doubled and the air conditioning system was installed.

"Colleges tend to specialize in certain areas. I don't think the college is recognized for anything specialized. There's no reason why the college couldn't be recognized for something like this," Mr. Furbacher said. "We're trying to expand on this new lab to bring in more people."

"I'd like to make this into a national training centre and open it up for the whole country. It wouldn't be just for post-secondary students. It would also be for evening courses and training seminars." Mr. Furbacher said he would like to make this lab available for corporation ventures. "It would be nice to incorporate some of our microelectronics in their products."

Before 1965, not much was happening in microelectronics. It just began to open up in 1970 or 1971.

Mr. Furbacher is working on a proposal for a co-op microelectronics engineering technology program which it is hoped will be offered to students from across Canada.

"We're assembling an advisory committee from people in the industry," he said.

People in the industry are very close, he said. "We see each other at trade shows and symposiums." One symposium is the student chapter of the International Society for Hybrid Microelectronics. Niagara is the only college in Canada which is there every year, Mr. Furbacher said. Papers from Niagara have been accepted two years in a row, 1986 and 1987.

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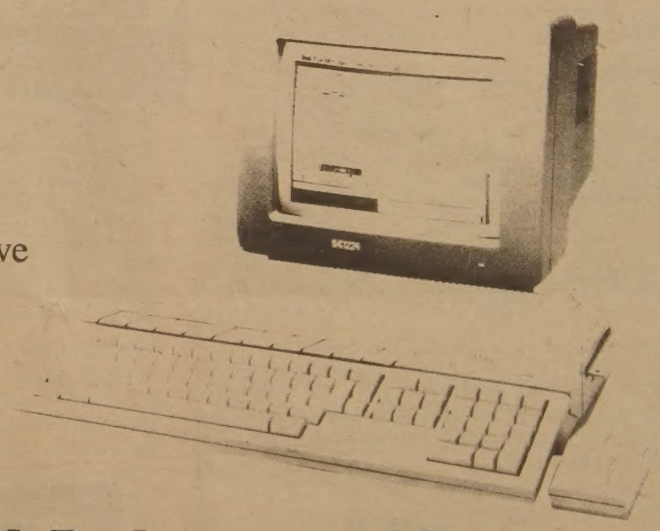

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# Students, students

## *Fay leaves sand, sun for snow*

By BRIAN MCLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Most people prefer to escape the cold this time of year by heading to tropical places like Bermuda. But Fay Hayward, second-year library technician student, enjoys soaking up the cool Canadian winters.

Fay, 47, from Bermuda, is on leave of absence from the Bermuda College Library. She is here to upgrade her library assistant background.

Last year was the first time she had ever experienced a Canadian winter. "I never feel cold." She simply bundles up and enjoys it.

She is the only foreign student in the program. Canada is highly recognized for its standard of education, she said.

Her original choices were between Canada and Great Britain.

FAY HAYWARD

"The transportation aspect of education in Britain financially would have been too exhausting," she said. In addition, the Canadian lifestyle appealled to her more.

She is interested in library research in data base. "That is one of my main reasons for being here."

She recently became divorced and all her children are out on their own. "So I have to become self-reliant economically." But she feels this is a great way to leave a midlife crisis.

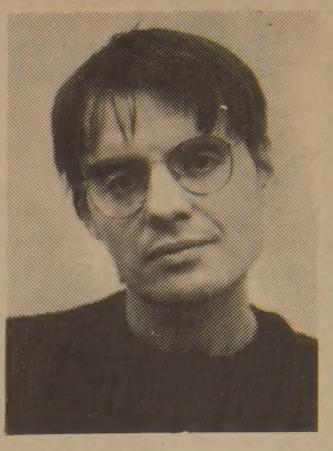
I'm starting to believe in my own ability," she said. "I was locked into that housewife syndrome. Now I'm not afraid to take risks."

She describes herself as being introverted. "I'm always looking inward...looking for self-improvement using myself as a mirror."

For a pastime she likes to go to Toronto where she searches through second-hand bookstores and visits the planetarium and museums.

# Avid reader may work with archives

By RANDY CONLON
Staff Writer



AL BAKER

The love of reading books has brought 38-year-old Al Baker into the Niagara College library techncian program.

The first-year student originally from Merrickville, a community of about 1,000 in the Ottawa Valley, said he loves to read all kinds of books and would some day like to get into special collections such as the archives.

Al is a man of several different fields. He has a degree in social sciences from the University of Western Ontario but didn't start university until he was five years out of high school. For three years Al worked as a child care and civil service worker in Smith Falls, Ont. and then went to London to work for the Children's Research Institute as a service worker.

"I found it extremely gruelling and very stressful, so I decided to go to university," he said.

"I am just a person who is taking a long time to find a suitable vocation," he said. At 38, Al still isn't quite sure what he plans to do after he graduates from the library program at the end of next year.

"I may work for a while or I may go to university for a degree in library and information although I don't know where I'd go for that. It wouldn't matter; I'd like to live in a few places. I like to move around."

He is one of two males enrolled in the program, but Al said that doesn't bother him. "They learn from me as much as I learn from them." He feels the reason there are so few males enrolled in the program is because it is "traditionally a female occupation."

Although Al has had various jobs and a university degree, he doesn't feel he has a great advantage over the other students in the course because of the practicality in the program. "The only advantage I may have is in the sciences and the social sciences," he said.

# Learning nice challenge: Sharon

By DONALD WILSACK
Staff Writer

Can humans become vegetables? While the debate rages about the couch potato's existence, 29-year-old Sharon Billy enrolled in Niagara's library technician program before she found out.

'It's challenging and nice to be learning again," she said. "I felt like when I stayed at home that I was vegetating."

The first-year student from Port Robinson graduated from high school in 1976 and spent the following years as a housewife at home with her three children; the youngest is 21 months and her oldest, nine.

"The oldest and I sit at home and do homework at night; he thinks that's kind of strange."

Sharon had no trouble adjusting to a return to school; she finds the college more relaxed

SHARON BILLY

than the rigidity of high school

'I thought there would be a lot of younger people and I was a bit apprehensive at first. Some are older and younger, but I feel like I fit in."

She enjoys the specialized library classes more than the general courses. The program involves learning cataloguing of material and information, repairing books, and how circulation works in public libraries.

The program also has field practice at the end of each term; Sharon hopes to use this time to broaden her experience by working at different types of libraries.

"Hopefully, my next field practice will be at Ontario Paper," she said.

She would eventually like the challenge of working at a special library, such as industrial ones like those at Atlas Steel, General Motors and Ontario Paper. But she will wait and see what happens "down the road."

"I really enjoy books; I read a lot. But, I got rid of all novels in the house to make sure I don't sit and read instead of doing homework."

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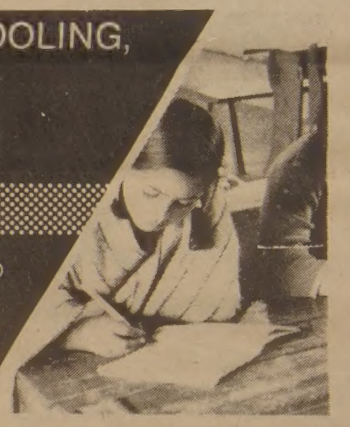

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# Grads laud college's resources

Graduates really do use the skills they learn at Niagara College, four grads employed in computer industries told Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in the cafeteria.

James Hachey, who graduated this year from the electrical technician program, told the Nov. 25 meeting he uses nearly all the courses he learned at the college. Graduates might have to look to Hamilton and Toronto to find jobs.

Tom Earle who graduated in 1985 electronics engineering technology is working at Westinghouse in Richmond Hill as an electronics repair technologist. "At Niagara College there are great resources at your disposal," Tom said.

Gary Boudreau said the micro technology courses were extremely helpful; he really learned a lot, but one learns still more in on-the-job training. Gary works for Garrett Canada as a thin film process technologist.

**SHOWED SAMPLES**

Garrett Canada designs and manufactures military hybrid microelectronics. Gary brought examples of microelectronics which he showed to the audience.

Dave Damalian graduated this year. He is now working for Digital Equipment Canada as a field service engineer. Students learn "the basics" at the college, he said.

"Every course offered here is important in one way or another."

John Birney, instructor of applied management, talked to the students about how to handle job interviews.

"Most interviewers accept that you're going to be nervous," Mr. Birney said. "The product is you, once you develop the product then you have to become a marketing or sales person."

Tom said that students might bring their tech reports to a job interview to show a potential employer what they have learned.

"Your tech report can be your show piece," he said. "It's an opportunity to show your ability. To have it completed shows you were successful."

His tech report was a computer controlled anechoic chamber for testing antennas. His job is to repair industrial computers called Programmable Logic Controllers or PLCs.

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# Vote Jan. 20

## Students, staff, faculty to have voices on Board of Governors

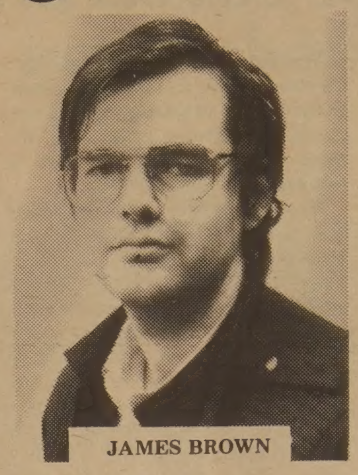
MARGARET BIRNEY

Margaret Birney, second-year business student, feels more could be done for the handicapped and satellite students. The 21-year-old Port Colborne resident is running for the student position on the Board of Governors. She is in the business administration human resources management program.

She feels sitting on the board will be "a great learning experience" although she's "not sure what they discuss." She will make suggestions that will represent all students and their concerns.

One point of concern for Margaret is the handicapped. "There are more handicapped students here now...the college should realize their needs." Mobility between buildings should be improved.

Margaret attended the Mack nursing centre in St. Catharines before taking human resources and said they felt cut off from the Welland campus. "We felt like we were a separate college." She would like to see the satellite campuses get more involved in college activities.



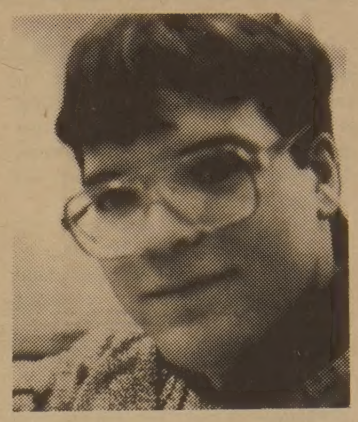
JAMES BROWN

If James Brown is elected as an internal member of the Board of Governors, he hopes to be able to clear the path of any pitfalls that Niagara College students may find themselves up against. Equipped with what he calls a "good aptitude for solving problems," he feels he may just be the right man for the job.

"I know that if I get the job, I can handle it," James said. "Otherwise, I wouldn't be running."

James, 24, is enrolled in his third and final year of the computer engineering technology program. A Wainfleet resident, he feels that sitting on the board after he has completed school will enable him to bring the perspectives of both an objective outsider and a graduate.

James, who hopes to find employment in the computer field after graduation, says his main concerns include the quality of education, assistance for the disabled and job placement for graduates.



CHRIS NAUGHTON

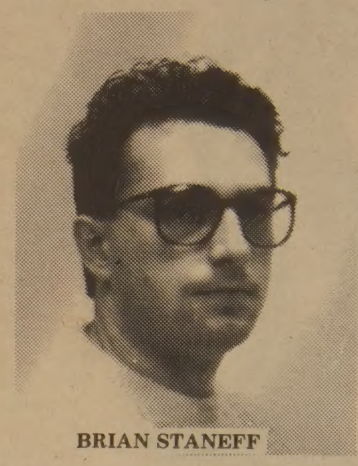
Chris Naughton thinks the students should vote for him in his bid for a seat on the Board of Governors "because he is not afraid to be critical of any of the board decisions," he said Monday.

Chris, 21, a computer electrical electronic technology student, said, "Students can't really do much on the board but if we can change people's minds by showing them what students' reaction is, it might do something."

"I want to be part of the college not just an outsider," he said. "I want to get involved in the school and know what's going on."

Chris feels he has a little more life experience than some of the other candidates which will help him on the board. He attended Ottawa University for two years and worked as a security guard at the St. Catharines campus.

He quit his part-time job to devote more time to school. He thinks the board position will be time-consuming but does not expect it to cut into his schedule too much.



BRIAN STANEFF

Brian Staneff, a second-year marketing student who is running for an internal position on the Board of Governors says he would like the students to have a say about college policies.

Brian said he is campaigning to let people know who he is; he is using posters and banners which he made on a computer.

"It's effective. I think it's working," Brian said about his campaign methods.

Brian planned a "gung-ho campaign" for the week before the election. He would like to get some feedback from students; he would like to do some class to class campaigning if he can get permission from teachers.

"I'm just going to do my best to get elected and I hope the students support me," he said.

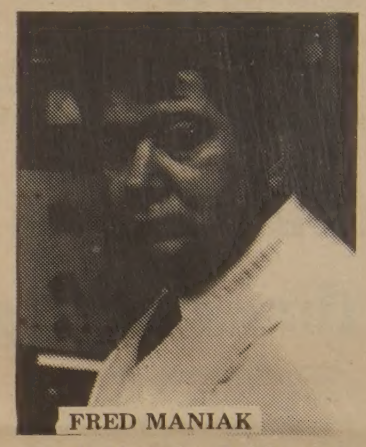
Candidates were not allowed to promote their campaigns until last week. Brian came in on the two days before the semester began to hang up posters and banners.

Glen Bellman, 29, has been in and out of the working area and has made the difficult decision to go back to school. He is enrolled in the industrial maintenance mechanics program at Cushmere Road in St. Catharines and is running as student representative on the Board of Governors.

He has been employed in a job that paid well, but knows that at any time these days, a person without a particular skill runs the risk of being laid off. Today's situations change so quickly that a person without a particular skill may run the chance of being left behind in the workplace.

Having been a union representative for more than a year, Mr. Bellman feels he is qualified to recommend changes he feels would be desirable. He says he has many ideas for change.

**The Niagara News regrets that no picture of Mr. Bellman was available at press time.**

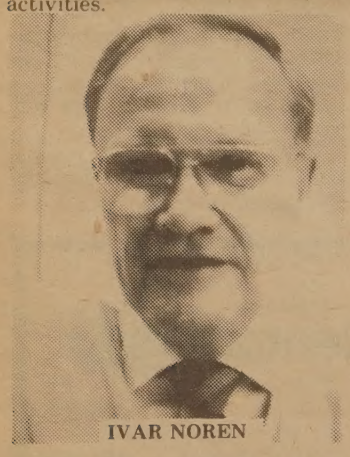


FRED MANIAK

Fred Maniak of Niagara's media services, a candidate for the support staff, hopes for a strong voice on the board enhancing college staff, student and even community relationships.

"Your support will ensure a strong voice on the board," Mr. Maniak said, "and a strong voice helps represent everyone involved. I will also devote myself to its activites."

The 53-year-old Welland resident has been at the college since 1970. He first entered the broadcasting field for CBC, Toronto, until moving on to Education Television, Channel 19.



IVAR NOREN

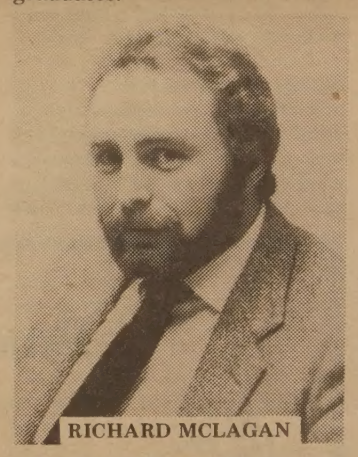
The move to invite internal members to sit on the board is "certainly an excellent move and something that should have been done a long time ago," Ivar Noren said Monday.

Mr. Noren, chairman of mathematics, office administration and part-time studies, is a candidate for the administrative staff position. He said the move should enhance or improve the government of the college and wants to be part of it.

Mr. Noren is a 20-year employee of the college and has a "great interest in the college, in its success and feel I have some background to serve effectively on the board."

Mr. Noren joined the college when it first opened as assistant chairman in the accounting department. Before the end of the first year he became chairman. Over the years he has had the responsibility for almost all sections within the School of Business except tourism and some apprentice cook programs, he said.

For many years he was chairman of the applied management division.



RICHARD MCLAGAN

Keeping in touch with the community and being aware of where the college is headed in the future are important issues to Richard McLagan, an administrative staff member who is running for a position on the Board of Governors.

"It's a good idea; it's an excellent idea," this Fonthill resident said of the idea of holding elections for internal board members. Mr. McLagan, manager of the Welland Community Youth Employment Services, feels he has "youthfulness, a lot of energy and an understanding of the complexity of the (college) system" to offer.

"The secret to surviving is diversity and adaptability and we have to reflect that" as the board, he said. Mr. McLagan looks at the college as a product; something that has to be carefully marketed to sell itself.

"Running the college as much as we can like a profitable business would be a relevant and useful objective," Mr. McLagan said. The college must look closely at what it would like to do in the future, must look at what the community wants and where it is headed.

DAVID ABRAHAM

A more involved role on the Board of Governors for internal members is "long overdue," David Abraham, board candidate and faculty member, said. "These people know the college intimately. They are here every day and know what's good and bad (about the college)." Because of this, Mr. Abraham said people working at and attending the college will be beneficial in helping the board with deliberations and policies.

As of this Feburary, after the elections for positions on the Board of Governors, internal members will have the right to vote on issues at committee meetings. Previously, internal members provided information at meetings but could not vote. As well, internal members will no longer be excluded from any of the committee meetings that were sometimes not open to them before.

Mr. Abraham is a mathematics teacher at Niagara College and has taught at the college since it opened in 1967. He was appointed to the Board of Governors by an executive of the Academic Employees Union last Feburary.

ISABELLE SEBURN

A teacher for 19 years, Isabelle Seburn feels she could do a lot of good as a faculty member on the Board of Governors because she knows what the students need.

Mrs. Seburn is running for the faculty position on the Niagara College Board of Governors. A registered nurse, she has been teaching at the Niagara College Mack Centre in St. Catharines since it came under the college in 1973.

But being a teacher is not the only assest Mrs. Seburn carries with her into the election. She has been on other committees before, so she has a good idea of what goes with the territory.

She was the assistant director of Nursing at the Shaver Hospital in 1979 on a staff exchange, and is a past president of the Niagara Regional chapter of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario. She has been a committee member for the RNAO for several years.

Mrs. Seburn, the mother of two, decided to run for the faculty position because "I thought it would be very interesting. The board will have input from people directly inside the school."

LAWRENCE WELLS

Lawrence Wells, computer operator in the college's computer centre, hopes his length of service at the college and his experience as interim support staff observer will motivate support staff to elect him for the upcoming position on the college's Board of Governors.

"I'm hopeful this will motivate people to vote for me," he said. He has been at the college for 19 years and feels the insight he has gained can be useful background.

He would like both full time and part time support staff to feel they could come to him with any dialogue about concerns they feel should go before the board.

**The winter weather is being enjoyed by these two young skaters as they help each other stay on their feet. It's important to remember to dress warmly to avoid hypothermia and frostbite.**
Photo by Julie DeBruin

# Ice and winter white-outs should be of concern to drivers

During the winter months, the adrenalin flow of many drivers increases as their cars start sliding or spinning. Their hands are grasped to the steering wheel, desperately trying to stop an unplanned trip into a ditch!

Steven Etienne, manager and instructor of Young Driver's of Canada, St. Catharines office, said "You cannot protect yourself from white-outs and ice. You can only hope for the best and ride it out."

"Many people do not realize there is ice until it happens (lose control), and they panic. They must have a 'cool head' to anticipate the conditions. Many people underestimate winter driving."

The school of driving does not teach anything fancy, just "predictive and defensive driving."

"It can be very simple, and that's why it works," he said.

Traffic travels in packs; therefore, drivers should isolate themselves creating a "space cushion" between other cars, he said. "Be a leader and not a follower."

Rear-end collisions — the most common among drivers — can be largely avoided by checking rear-view mirrors every five to eight seconds, seeing what is going on behind them, he said.

"Leave early. By driving at a slower pace, the driver is more relaxed and has a chance to think.

"Never worry about time; one must reduce speed and take his time," Paul Ashton, group two operator (driver for vehicles up to eight tons), for the Ministry of Transportation, said.

Mr. Etienne recommended that car headlights be on at all times including during the day ensuring cars visibility.

A car must be cleaned off, he said. Headlights, tail-lights, windows and turning signals must be visible. "It's only common sense!"

Drivers should always check their cars' windshield fluid, Mr. Ashton said, because muddy windows decrease visibility.

### WARM CAR

A car should be warmed for a minimum of five minutes before travel; winter wipers should be installed; the car's front end should be parked away from the wind; a piece of cardboard placed in front of the rad will stop snow from entering the engine, and a "block" heater warms the engine when the car is not in use.

Mr. Eden warned drivers to avoid short trips. A car's choke stays open until it reaches its normal working temperature, and if one drives before the temperature is reached, it might flood the engine.

Mr. Ashton advised that, when possible, drivers use main roads because they are plowed first, and the constant traffic creates heat, melting the snow or ice.

# Dangerous conditions threatening to health

During the recent cold spell in Southern Ontario, temperatures have dropped far below what many consider normal for this time of year. The cold temperatures, combined with the windchill, have created potentially dangerous conditions which may result in hypothermia or frostbite. According to college nurse Dawn Hall, the best defence begins with prevention.

"The secret is prevention," Mrs. Hall said. "Keep warm, keep moving and keep dry — those are the secret words."

Frostbite and hypothermia occur when an individual is exposed to prolonged or extreme cold. When the skin temperature drops, the tissue metabolism is slowed and the demand for oxygen greater than what the slowed circulation can supply. At 15°C (59°F), tissue damage occurs.

The Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment book recommends that, to prevent damage from the cold, individuals wear layered clothing as opposed to bulky clothing; avoid cramped conditions, constricting clothing and exposure to wind, and carry extra socks and mittens.

### DRESS PROPERLY

"Sensibly, it should be prevention," Mrs. Hall said. "People should dress properly."

Symptoms of hypothermia include weakness, drowsiness, a burning sensation of the skin and discolorization. In severe cases, the victim may become comatose and may stop breathing.

Treatment includes slow warming of the skin by the use of a warm bed or bath. Hot materials should not be used to warm the exposed areas as rapid thawing can increase tissue damage.

### IT IS INJURY

In cases of frostbite, there is injury to the superficial tissue. The skin becomes white or yellow, loses its elasticity and becomes immobile. Symptoms include a numbness, prickling and itchy sensation of the skin.

Like hypothermia, treatment for frostbite includes the slow warming of the skin. Affected areas can be warmed by the firm pressure of a warm hand (without rubbing, which may remove skin), and, in the cases of affected toes and heels, by removing footwear, drying feet, rewarming and covering with adequate dry socks or other protective footwear.

If there is a possibility of refreezing, it is recommended that the frostbitten areas not be thawed as refreezing results in increased tissue damage.

Factors that increase the possibility of injury include poor physical condition, advanced age, the use of alcohol and other sedative drugs, and, of course, prolonged exposure to the cold.

## Ministers plan visit

The Ontario ministers of colleges and universities and of skills development plan to visit Niagara College, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said last Monday.

Lyn McLeod, minister of colleges and universities, and Alvin Curling, minister of skills development, have both indicated they will be visiting all the colleges, Miss Robarts said.

Both are first-year ministers. The purpose of their visits is to get to know the college system and understand the individuality of colleges throughout Ontario, Miss Robarts said.

# *Brrrr — it's the Wind Chill*

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

Although temperatures over the last week or two may have felt record cold, that has not been the case.

"The record was broken only one day — Jan. 5 the temperature reached a record low of -11 degrees Celsius," Mike Palethorpe, weather technologist and manager of the Niagara District Weather Office, said in a phone interview. The normal, mean temperature for January is about -5 degrees.

Wind chill, defined as that part of the total cooling of a body caused by air motion (wind), is responsible for its feeling colder than it really is.

Any number of wind and cold air combinations can make temperatures feel colder than they really are. Wind chill factor is defined as the cooling effect of any combination of temperature and wind, expressed as the loss of body heat in kilogram calories per hour per square metre on skin surface. It is based on the cooling rate of a nude body in the shade; thus it is only an approximation because of individual body variations in shape, size and metabolic rate.

### WAY OF TELLING

"Wind Chill Factor is merely a way of telling people how cold it feels," Curt McConkey, weather technologist and manager of the Niagara District Weather Office, said in an interview last week.

Two methods are used when relating wind and temperature. In the past it was common to use an equilvalent temperature (wind chill temperature) to tell people how cold it felt. Today the combination of a specific temperature and wind speed is more often related to how fast exposed flesh will freeze.

This second method is used by many ski resorts, Mr. McConkey said. "It lets skiers understand how long they can stay out."

### SOME EXAMPLES

A Department of the Environment pamphlet gives examples of wind chill cooling rates. When the wind chill factor is 700, conditions are considered comfortable when dressed for skiing; at 1,200, conditions are no longer pleasant for outdoor activities on overcast days; at 1,400, conditions are no longer pleasant for outdoor activities on sunny days; at 1,600, exposed skin begins to freeze, depending on the degree of activity and the amount of sunshine; at 2,300, conditions for outdoor travel such as walking become dangerous. Exposed ares of the face freeze in less than one minute and at 2,700, exposed flesh will freeze within half a minute.

The recent cold spell results from an upper vortex of dense air, Mr. Palethorpe said.

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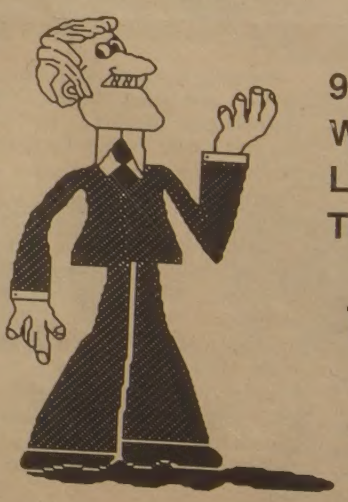

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## Hamilton artist challenging

By DONALD WILSACK
Staff Writer

Sometimes people ask themselves if what is happening is really happening when life seems so unreal. From passing that excruciating final exam to paying $400 for a brake job on the car, things like these lead to a question of an individual's personal reality.

Whether it is real on Friday or unreal on Monday, "For me, it is all reality." — the title Hamilton artist Marc St. Martin chose for the exhibit of his work at the Hennepin Art Gallery until Jan. 30.

Mr. St. Martin has been painting for six years and studied art at Sheridan College with Dennis Lukas, painter, collector and teacher, and Theodore Ziegler. His work has been displayed mostly in the Niagara region and once in West Germany as part of an exhibit of Canadian art.

One of the ideas behind his work is that he is trying to show the many elements of a person's life but at the same time, wants the work to speak for itself by challenging the viewer's perception of reality.

"The title doesn't explain the paintings; it's an introduction to the work," he said. "It provokes a thought and what I wanted with the title was to get people to think of reality and come to the work with that thought."

**Artist Marc St. Martin with one of his more doubtful moments which is part of the Life Dance Struggle series. "For me, it is all reality," is the theme for the exhibit of 19 drawings and paintings at the Hennepin Art Gallery.** Photo by Donald Wilsack

Life Dance Struggle is a group of four large oil paintings of colorful figures with expressive faces and floating bodies that might represent their current reality and their reactions. One seems to be caught between flight with one hand open, the other clenched, another is wide-eyed with its mouth agape, drifting in a crimson abyss.

"All through life you are going through movements like dance which is a serious of movements. These works are semi-autobiographical but at the same time they relate to each individual who goes through the dance of life in all its struggles and challenges."

Mr. St. Martin starts with an idea and once he becomes involved in the process of painting, it grows and gets twisted and continues to evolve as it paints. Once the idea is presented, it does not stop being an idea; it begins to evolve in the viewer's mind, he said.

"Painting is like a person and has a complex personality, the illusion of space, color, line and texture; it also has a spirit that has been partially instilled by the artist."

The rest of the exhibit consists of 15 smaller ink and water-color drawings of elastic and rotund semi-human figures. Their disproportionate heads, mouths and eyes combined with naked bodies create pure images of anger, despair, awe, happiness, evil: it is a well-rounded series of states of mind.

The idea for these drawings came to Mr. St. Martin as he lay sleepless in bed and had a vision of part-human, part-dreamlike figures. Unable to sleep, he got up and did some small drawings to retain the images. He called these drawings the clowns of his imagination that were inspired by his experiences with the real world.

"It is an exploration of the internal world of mine but anyone can relate to them. It is about a guy who is experiencing life and the things that go with it."

With these drawings, he does not want to rule out possibilities because there is always a question of what is real. People always have to reassess reality and the figures are real in themselves with their own life.

"It comes from inside of me as a result of my guts and intellect reacting with experiences and images from the outside world."

Although Mr. St. Martin's personal life, family and friends provide inspiration for ideas, painting is a personal means of fulfilling a number of purposes.

"I want to keep being a visual artist in that I am able to do the work I love and communicate with other people and challenge them."

## Play transfer success

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Theatre Centre's transfer of A Christmas Carol to Brock University's Playhouse Theatre last month was a complete success, production manager/lighting designer Doug Rathburn said.

Mr. Rathburn had been concerned about all aspects of the transfer, including the inexperience of the student crew. The problems he envisaged, however, never materialized and by the time the Brock opening came, everything was in running order.

"It went a lot smoother than I expected it to," Mr. Rathburn said.

"I worried about the inexperience," he said of the students who hadn't had the experience of moving a show into a new theatre. "Even in professional theatre, touring is a complicated business."

But by the time the sets had been unloaded and set up, the lights hung and focused and all the major bugs worked out, confidence had increased.

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"Our crew moved in like they had been there all along," Mr. Rathburn said, "We were all relaxed by the time the opening came at Brock. They (the students) were a very organized unit, very efficient."

The performance at the Playhouse was an opportunity for the Theatre Centre to obtain more exposure within the community, Mr. Rathburn said. The cast played to full houses during its three-day run at the 535-seat theatre from Dec. 15 to Dec. 18.

The construction of sets included the building of units that were easily mobile and that could be accommodated in the other theatre. The units were transported in a 22-foot truck.

Although many of the materials used for the show were directly transferable, the lighting system was not. All the lighting property at the Playhouse had to be restructured for the production. With 120 instruments to work with and a crew of four doing the assembling, the process took five hours to complete.

TIME-CONSUMING

"My biggest concern was the lighting," Mr. Rathburn said. "It's very time-consuming stuff."

During "production," classes cease and staff and students put in up to 13-hour days preparing the show. Once the performances begin, both cast and crew work seven days a week for two weeks without a day off.

"We found this show difficult in terms of the amount of time we had to devote to things," Mr. Rathburn said, referring to the long hours put in by staff and students in preparation for the move.

Working closely with one another during the showing of the production, tempers amongst cast and crew tended to flare up at times, but according to Mr. Rathburn, it's just par for the course.

"Everyone gets under pressure when you're working seven days a week without a day off," he said. "But we never lose sight of what we're doing."

The cost of presenting A Christmas Carol and transferring it to Brock is between $10, 000 to $12, 000. The expenses do not include payment for labor or salaries.

## 266 per cent increase in Continuing Ed

By MARGARET BARTLETT
Staff Writer

Everyone dreams and every dream has a message waiting to be unscrambled. People curious about their dreams might want to attend Understandering Dreams, one of many new courses and seminars offered by Continuing Education Services this term.

Continuing education courses had a 266 per cent increase in registrants this term over the winter term last year, Gail Hilyer, director of continuing education services, said.

"I feel very strongly that we have a role to play in bringing the community to the college and getting them involved in college activities."

Many new courses are being offered this term and enrolment indicates that the community is enthusiastic about them.

A step-parenting seminar gives step-parents an opportunity to discuss issues unique to them and helps them to learn practical ways to define roles, integrate differing values and deal with various problems.

There are seminars for people interested in learning more about home insurance, understanding the highway traffic act, learning effective listening skills and even a fact-filled seminar on migraine headaches.

Chocolate lovers can delight in A Chocoholic's Dream Evening in which they will learn how easy it is to create the piece de resistance — a chocolate souffle topped with freshly prepared chocolate ice cream and served with a divinely decadent sauce.

BREADS AND ROLLS

Delicious breads and rolls fresh from the oven in a hands-on bread baking course will impress family members. The hospitality and food preparation programs offer 10 new courses, including Mexican cooking and restaurant management.

Those with artistic talent can discover how to turn a hobby into profit with Seasonal Window Painting for profit. Students will investigate the techniques, theory and freehand designs for Christmas, Easter, Halloween and other seasonal window paintings.

People dissatisfied with their present jobs and feel they need a change or a new direction may find help in Mid-life Career Changes — Where to Now? This seminar will help to consolidate career goals, turn life experience into marketable job skills, and allow people to compete with younger job applicants and investigate new career alternatives.

More than ever, today's women are assuming important managerial positions and the development of necessary managerial skills is imperative. A Women in Management seminar will teach the functions of a manager and ways to handle employee problems.

## First ever co-op mixer

Second-year marketing management students were the hosts of a Co-op Participant Mixer as a welcome back for third-year students Tuesday evening in the Tecumseh Lounge.

Credit for the idea goes to Larry Cote, co-ordinator of marketing management. "It's the first time we've pulled it off," he said. "Many segments of co-op are represented here."

The mixer was partially funded by the Marketing Group which provided some of the "edibles" for the gathering. Bill Bosnich, president and second-year student, said he would like to see the group take some responsibility for this type of activity and maybe make it a legacy to continue in the future. As spokesman for the second-year students, Bill gave a toast to welcome the third-year students back to school.

"Basically, I think it's good for the second-year students," Dusan Nikolic, returning third-year student, said. "They will know what to expect, get an idea of the kind of job they want after talking to us."

Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, said the format was a little different but effective. "It's always good to hear about co-p from another student rather than from a teacher or administrator."

# SPORTS

## Ice gives sprinter more speed

By ROB STROHM
Staff Writer

A short but illustrious career of running in track and field has given Andrew Mowatt the chance to endure the icy slick of a bobsled run.

The 23-year-old Hamilton resident has turned from being a top-ranked sprinter in the country to a crewman on one of the four-man bobsled teams representing Canada at the 1988 Olympics in Calgary.

Formerly of Hagersville, Andrew has been chosen as part of the 12-man team going to Calgary and said he is very excited to have another chance at representing Canada at the Olympics.

Andrew started training seriously as a sprinter four years ago. He trained under his coach, Pat Moore, and after only a few months of dedication and hard work was given a chance to qualify for the Olympics in the 100-metre dash. Andrew placed fourth in the trials which should have earned him a spot on 4x100 relay team in Los Angeles at the summer Olympics.

But, because Andrew had been in training only a short time, track officials chose Dave McKnight, a runner who had more experience but who finished sixth in the qualifying trials.

"I finished fourth, and in my heart I know I should have been on the team," Andrew said.

### Bronze medal

After being at Ohio State University on a track scholarship for 1½ years, Andrew said he didn't like the system, and decided to return to Canada and its track scene.

Andrew continued to train during the next two years and joined the likes of Ben Johnson, Desai Williams and Tony Sharpe in competitions throughout North America.

Andrew's best finish during his competitions with the nation's best was a third place finish behind Ben Johnson and Tony Sharpe at the Canadian championships in Edmonton.

"That bronze medal means a lot to me when you finish behind guys like Ben and Tony," Andrew said.

Last year Andrew made the decision to leave track because to make a living in the field he would have to be ranked number one or two in the country.

"Track is hard, and if you're not the best or close to it you can't make a living and that's why a lot of guys turn to football because it is a more stable income."

Andrew signed a contract with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats for the 1987 season.

"That was the biggest thrill for me. It might not seem like much, but signing that contract was the greatest.

A hamstring injury plagued Andrew during training camp and he was released by the Cats.

"I think if I didn't have that injury I would have made the team — maybe not have played that much, but I think I would have made it."

Andrew was contemplating the future when he received the phone call that would give him a new

ANDREW MOWATT

lease on life. Bobsled coach Joey Kilburn, on the advice of team members, called Andrew to try out for the team as it was in need of speedsters to beef up the team.

"At first I said no because I really didn't consider bobsledding as a career at the time. Who does?"

The second call caused Andrew to have a change of heart and he joined the 30 others in Ottawa who were vying for a position on the team.

Andrew said he was called by the coach because bobsledding requires a quick start in the first 50 metres of the timed run and they though he could fit the bill, adding speed to one to their two four-man sleds.

After the fitness camp, Andrew was one of 21 selected to go to Calgary and test his ability to handle going in a sled down the winding icy hill at a speed of 145 kilometres per hour.

"I was scared. I was holding on as tight as I could and still I thought I was falling out."

### Slick ice

Bobsledding is a sport that consists of two or four men in a fiberglass sled barrelling down a straight of slick ice, that has one loop, or krisel, in the run. Andrew described the loop as the scary part of the run. It is followed by another straightaway to the finish.

After a few runs down the hill, Andrew said he learned how to hold on and so began his new found sport of bobsledding.

The team started training regularly with a daily routine of an 8 a.m. wake-up call, weightlifting, sled maintenance, six or seven runs down the hill with the walk back up and, finally, checking the sleds over once more for damage or defects.

The team was cut down to 13 men and they left for Euope for international competitions and some training on the different runs.

Andrew travelled to East and West Germany, Austria and Italy, challenging some of the most treacherous bobsled runs in the world — after three months of training.

"Every time I did a run, no matter where, I was scared. If you fall out of that sled you're going to get hurt. The key is to hold on and just hope to get to the bottom."

Andrew recalls seeing the Russian team crash during its run in Cortina, Italy, and realized the danger involved in the sport.

"You can get up to speeds of 145 kmp and if you even graze the track with your helmet it will leave a burn mark on it."

### Dangers

Andrew spoke of the dangers of the race from running at full speed and co-ordinating a jump into the sled after the first 50 metres.

"Once while training, I slipped and missed my jump into the sled, but the brakeman (the team member running behind Andrew), grabbed me and pulled me in with him. I was lucky."

Heading to the Olympics as part of the bobsled team, Andrew realizes that the chances of a medal are slim but said it is possible.

"Canada is not a perennial powerhouse in bobsledding, but we are one of the fastest in the world in being timed for the first 50 metres and that is vital for a team to succeed."

With the Olympics edging closer, Andrew is starting to feel pumped up for the competition. He said the first two days of competition are sold out and an estimated crowd of 30,000 is expected.

As his excitement grows so does his optimism for the team's success, competing on a Canadian bobsled run and in front of the hometown crowd.

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## Bundle up, athletes

The most important precaution for athletes to take to avoid cold weather injuries is to dress warmly enough, Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of athletics, and Fred Bassi, athletic instructor, say.

Mr. Rylander said 35 per cent of body heat is lost through the head, so the hat is essential clothing in the winter.

It is especially important that runners and skiers cover the facial area to avoid frostbite that seems to occur on the face more easily than other parts of the body.

"The best thing for them would be to get used to wearing a mask to be able to withstand any sort of wind coming at them," he said.

Mr. Bassi believes that loosening up that little bit extra could save a winter sportsman any unnecessary pain through injury.

"You have to be loose when starting any activity," he said. If the muscles are cold, they rip that much easier and that can be very painful."

A hint to an avid runner is to know his route and not stray into an unknown area with such hazards as ice patches or snow-covered holes, Mr. Bassi said.

Both agree that runners or skiers confronted with bad weather should not try to do their regular distance that day.

"If a runner is used to doing 30

PETER RYLANDER

minutes a day and runs five miles in that time, he should just do the 30 minutes and not try for the five miles because the conditions may be hampering his performance," Mr. Bassi said.

Everyone should acclimatize themselves to winter and not jump into a routine as soon as winter comes, Mr. Bassi said.

"The runner should have been doing his routine during October and November so he is used to it and not try and start it in the middle of winter," he said. And a skier should be in good enough shape that he can withstand the strenuous winter exercise.

### Farmer's Almanac

## Oops! Wrong again!

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

A winter storm that dumped up to 25 centimetres of snow over parts of southern Ontario on Nov. 26 — American Thanksgiving — came as a surprise to people placing their faith in weather forecasts calling for snow changing to rain. But for followers of the Farmer's Almanac, the weather was right on target.

How predictably correct is the almanac?

Niagara News kept track of Welland's weather for the month of November to see how closely it followed the almanac's predictions for southern Ontario.

**Nov. 1 to 4:** The almanac said sunny, with seasonal temperatures. Welland had one rainy morning, but otherwise sunshine. However, temperatures reached 20 degrees Celsius — way above normal.

**Nov. 5 to 7:** The almanac called for very mild weather — oops! It only missed by a few days! Welland's mild weather had turned colder, with temperatures ranging from six to eleven degrees centigrade, with a snow shower on Nov. 6.

**Nov. 8 to 11:** The almanac called for rain, flurries and cold weather. Welland had rain two mornings, and except for a temperature reading of 14 degrees one day, had near-zero temperatures — two out of three is not a bad record!

**Nov. 12 to 15:** The almanac called for a warming trend and rain. Welland had the warming trend, with temperatures into the teens, but not a drop of rain.

**Nov. 16 to 21:** The almanac said cold, then seasonal, and rain. Welland had light rain for two days, but temperatures rose to the high teens — certainly not in the cold or seasonal range!

**Nov. 22 to 24:** The almanac predicted...It seems someone goofed and forgot November had those two days. However, Niagara News did not forget — Welland had cloudy mornings, rain one afternoon, and temperatures of two degrees and nine degrees Celsius.

**Nov. 25 to 28:** The almanac said snow and cold. Welland had cloudy skies and rain, with temperatures ranging from two degrees to 10 degrees Celsius — and NO sign of the snowstorm that hit other parts of southern Ontario on Nov. 26, American Thanksgiving.

**Nov. 29 to 30:** The almanac called for partial clearing. Welland had heavy rain all one day, and heavy clouds the next — oops again!

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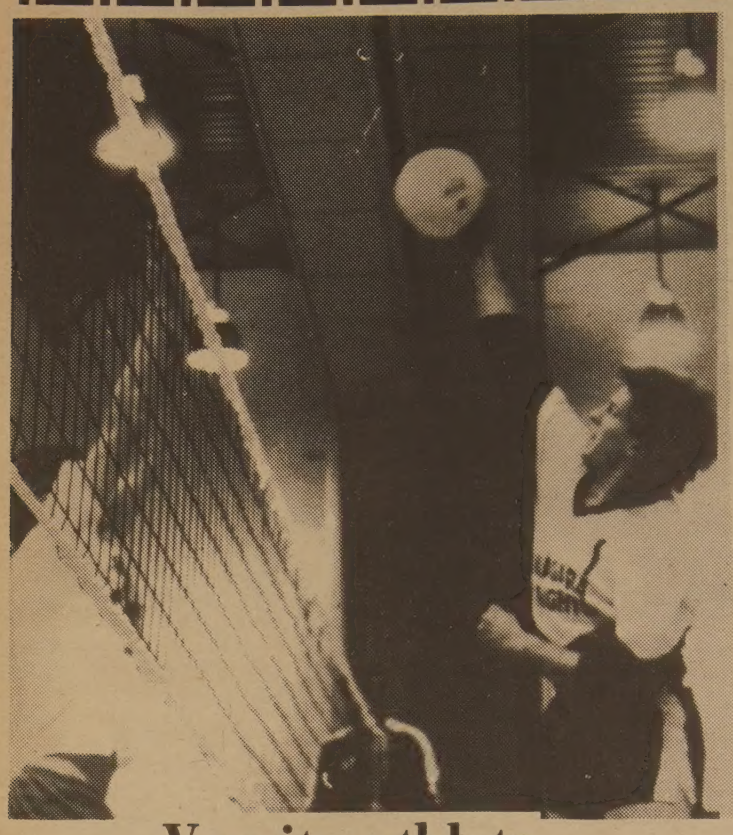
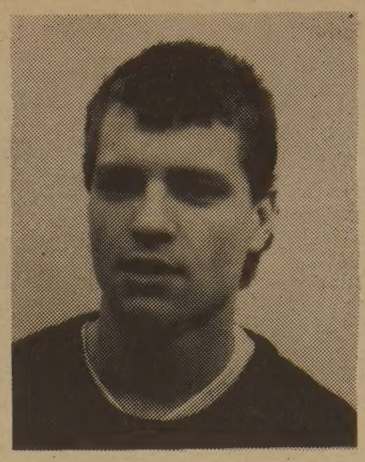


## Varsity athlete

**The varsity Athlete of the Month for December is Chris Mudjar. Chris is the power-hitter for the college's varsity volleyball team and was a key part in the college's strong showing at their opening tournament early last month.**

**Chris, a graduate of Cardinal Newman High School in Hamilton, is in his second year in the law and security program. He played both basketball and volleyball for his five years at Newman. Chris played varsity basketball for Niagara last year.**



JEFF HORNICK

## *Team leader*

Jeff Hornick has been chosen as intramural athlete of the month for December. Jeff was instrumental in leading his intramural floor hockey team, the Terminators, to the championship by scoring three goals in the final 7-1 victory over the Purple Helmets.

Jeff, 20, is a second-year law and security student and played intramural floor hockey with the Terminators last year. So far this year Jeff has played intramural badminton and football along with floor hockey. He plans on playing ice hockey when it starts on Tuesday.

Jeff was not willing to take the credit for his team's success. "It was a solid team effort. We won as a team and there were no individuals," he said.

Jeff is a graduate of Laura Secord Secondary School in St. Catharines. With a diploma in law and security, Jeff some day hopes to be a police officer.

## *Want to be a curler?*

The Niagara College Varsity curling team needs an experienced curler or someone athletically inclined wanting to learn the sport to take advantage of an available membership, Bob Young, coach, said.

"It's a good opportunity for someone who is interested in the sport and wants to take advantage of this."

Mr. Young said one of his players had dropped out of the college, leaving the membership open. He said this is an opportune time for a person to become a better curler or, if just starting, to learn the game.

The new curler may have choice of curling either in Wellan or St. Catharines in the Tuesda or Thursday practices, Mr. Youn said.

After applying for the membership, the newcomer may start playing with the team if he proves good enough, but would be put on the farm team for seasoning if necessary.

Those wishing to apply for the membership should contact either Bob Young at ME 112 A or Peter Rylander of the Athletics Department.

## Torch carrier suits quite a hot item

**Some torch carriers have been offered up to $2,000 for their red and white Olympic suits, Ivar Noren said Monday.**

**No one has come forward with an offer to Mr. Noren, but he said he had read in a Toronto paper that the tuques alone were going for about $150 to $200. The jackets are worth about $1,000 and the entire suits are worth between $1,500 and $2,000.**

**Mr. Noren, chairman of mathematics, office administration and part-time studies, said he would not part with his suit, no matter what monetary reward was offered. The suit "is precious" to him and "an important memory" of his Dec. 27 run along Highway 20 from Cataract Road to Hurricane Road.**

**The suits are waterproof, quite roomy but "not all that warm." They are Canadian-made in Calgary and were estimated to cost Petro Canada about $150 for each suit. The suits were given to each runner to wear during their run and as a keepsake.**

## *Tickets $20*

The Student Administrative Council will be selling tickets next week for a hockey game in Buffalo on Feb. 5. The game is against Toronto and the bus will leave the college at 6 p.m. Tickets are $20 which includes the bus fee. There will be another bus trip to Buffalo on Feb. 19 for a Sabres/Flyers game.

## Euchre tourney

A second euchre tournament has been scheduled for Tuesday Jan. 19, at 12:10 in the mai cafeteria. Cash prizes will b awarded. The sign-up sheet is i the Student Administrative Coun cil office.

# Irwin puts 'Seoul' into boxing

By RANDY CONLON
Staff Writer

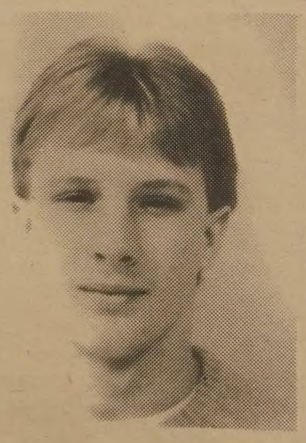
Seoul, Korea — 1988 — The ultimate athletic experience for an amateur athlete.

Just ask first-year law and security student Bill Irwin.

Bill is the Ontario light weight amateur boxing champion and is headed for the Olympic trials in Edmonton Feb. 16-19.

"A couple of months ago I was nervous," he said. "Then I fought the U.S. national champion (amateur) and lost a split-decision and that really built up my confidence."

Bill would like more than anything a chance to represent his country in Seoul. "I haven't even thought about winning a medal yet. Just to go to the Olympics would be great."



BILL IRWIN

## 39 fights

At 19, he fights out of the Shamrock Boxing Club in Niagara Falls under trainer Pat Kelly. Bill has 39 fights under his belt, losing only four, all on split decisions.

Training two hours daily in the gym, and running three to four miles four nights a week, Bill feels he is ready for the trials in February.

"When I first started boxing my mom hated it. Now if I miss a day of training, she's on my back to get at it."

Although many people have negative feelings about boxing, Bill defends his sport with a sense of pride.

"When people stereotype boxing as a brutal sport, it really burns me," he said. "It's like a physical game of chess. There's more to it than two people going in the ring and beating each other up."

At 15, Bill was taken to the boxing club by a friend, and found an immediate interest in the sport. At 17 he had to give up what may have been a very promising hockey career, to concentrate on his career in boxing.

"I had to make a choice. I wasn't growing any, so I gave up hockey."

Bill has been the Ontario champion for four consecutive years, and now, more than ever, he is hoping for his first national title. Last year at the Canada Winter Games Bill had a chance to win the Canadian title, but took home a silver after a disappointing split decision loss to Quebec champion Mario Bergeron.

"I was really nervous about that fight," he said. "It was on t.v. and it was for the title. I think I could have beaten him."

Success doesn't come easily for a boxer, or in any other sport. It takes a lot of hard work and hundreds of hours in the gym to become successful.

"My desire to win has helped get me to where I am today." Bill said. "I'll take a win any way I can. I don't want to lose."

Although right now, Olympic gold may seem a little far away, the possibilities could be endless if Bill does bring home a medal. "If you bring home a medal, you're pretty well set for life. Sean O'Sullivan and Willie DeWit (silver medalists at the 1984 Olympic games) could retire right now if they wanted. They make enough money on endorsements alone."

## Turning pro

If Bill doesn't bring home a medal, he still plans on turning professional shortly after the Olympics. There is only one difference. Without a medal, his first fight may earn him $450, whereas with a medal to his credit, his first fight could earn him somewhere around $75,000.

If Bill's career as a boxer doesn't pan out, he still has his life-long ambition to be a police officer to fall back on. He's staying in school because "I want to keep my options open."

If Bill does make it to Seoul this summer, he deserves all the credit and support he has earned. A chance to represent your country comes but once in a lifetime and Bill plans on making the most of his opportunity.

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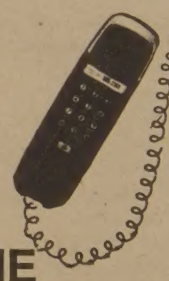

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# *Fashion opportunties exist across country for self-motivated*

Fashion arts students learned that opportunities are all over Canada with Braemar clothing stores in a lecture from the company's personnel director in December.

"There are 38 stores and soon there will be 50 across Canada," Braemar's David Grundy said. "We are looking for people who have an interest in fashion arts."

Mr. Grundy said Dylex Corp., which owns Braemar, advocates heavy training for its employees who all start with the company on the sales floor. They look objectively at their backgrounds and choose employees from within the company to promote.

"Employees are chosen for a gift or ability," he said. "We develop a team and identify strengths of the staff. Advertising is done through the company for job openings."

Employees can learn such things as communication skills, wardrobe planning, and people and management skills through resources provided by Braemar.

**MUST WANT TO**

"It is for self-motivated individuals; all the resources are provided and you have to want to learn. We need people to take advantage of the resources."

He said Braemar does not spend money on advertising and relies on in-store merchandising techniques that appeal to customers. An employee in each store is responsible for this; the money saved from advertising is spent on training employees and in-store services.

"If 10 people come into a store, three are buying; we would rather put money into training employees to sell to four," he said. "Customers may not get the service they need and we would have to increase our workforce to meet customer needs if advertising. We try to pamper the customer rather than advertise."

Sales is one of the most difficult jobs and they try to teach employees to make friends with the customers. If friends are made, it develops trust and a good rapport.

**DEVELOP CLIENTELE**

"We want employees to develop a personal clientele because people like to be recognized. There is a $2,500 prize every six months; we make sure the top sales people are well paid."

He said Niagara offers a well-rounded course in fashion arts and it is a matter of what the company can do for them if they choose to work for Braemar.

"You can work for our store in the summer and what you learn is about life in retail, a taste in the five retail areas. People come back after college and get a training manual; going to school shows you are committed."

Retail management entails customer service, visual promotions, creating a working enviroment, administration, and protection of company assets which is covered in a training manual that employees learn at their own pace.

"We need people over the next two years desperately," Mr. Grundy said.

## Last swim

**This flock of geese enjoy one last swim around the lake before the ice takes over signalling it is time to fly south.** Photo by Barb Horning

# Vocational program attracts 100 visitors

More than 100 people attended the first open house of Niagara's new College Vocational Program. The gathering provided an introduction to the program which began in September.

"It was much more than we expected," Harriet Davidson, who is co-ordinating the program, said. "The students were great...They really have a feeling of belonging to the college."

Those attending included staff and students from area high schools, parents, staff and students from the college, and members of the program's advisory committee including Fred Habermehl, dean of applied arts, and Dennis Malone, chairman of communications, social sciences and general division.

"The students have played a big part in the day's success," Tom Busnarda, a teacher within the program, said. "They were the resource people and the guides for the day."

Classroom work done by the students was on display for the visitors, and students were on hand to answer questions and conduct tours of the college. Guitar music was also provided by Ed Colgan, who is enrolled in the program.

Staff members greeting the guests included Mrs. Davidson, and teachers Gary Webb and Mr. Busnarda. The open house took place on Wed., Dec. 2.

**FIRST-HAND VIEW**

The gathering provided those attending with an opportunity to get a first-hand view of the program. The course curriculum is designed to promote student self-confidence, decision making and independent living.

"It's a good idea — what they offer," Rosalie Ferber, whose daughter, Heather, is enrolled in the program, said. The program helps expose the students to new opportunities and enables them to form an idea of what is available to them, she said.

Student James Gourlay felt the day was a definite success.

"It was great," he said. "We got to show people around, see some old friends and make some new ones."

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## Pascal

ing anything excellently, then it ought to have the dollars to continue doing it.

He disagreed that the colleges were losing their market share to universities. "We're holding our own," he said, "but we're talking about the future."

Colleges need to establish some kind of vision of who they are in order to know which road to take, and they must become competitive, he said.

Dr. Pascal said he realized it is sometimes difficult to put creative visions into process when colleges must concern themselves with more immediate problems, such as warm classrooms and basic teaching materials.

Finances are "very, very, very tight" at every college, he said, and this is a "very, very difficult time."

Some colleges have already invested reserves: lack of funding creates a dilemma between the need to keep the lid on spending, and entrepreneurial programs which try to push it off.

He was "not at all convinced" that the approval to college funding is as viable in a time of fiscal restraint as it was in a time of growth.

Colleges lobbying for extra funding will be told to take a number unless they include in the budget process "clear images in terms of people who need us. We must be more specific about the message we want to get across."

To the question of whether the council's role should include research on funding, Dr. Pascal said the council has never traditionally provided written advice on funding, but he would not be *uncomfortable with the role.*

In closing, Dr. Pascal stressed that this is a time for a new beginning for the council in which he sees his role as being "a renewal assistant." "Please let us know what your ideas are," he said. "Don't give up on me."

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